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 - a. Gerhard Senf, plant director, SED member [REDACTED] a technician and he only occupies himself with political matters.
 - b. Erich Ackermann, production chief and technical director, SED member.
 - c. Kurt Grobe, head of the technical office, SED member.
 - d. Nemetz (fnu), head of the Plant Union Directorate (BGL), SED member. Nemetz is in the employ of the SSD!
 - e. Paul Huchner, head of the Plant Party Organization (BPO), SED member. Huchner is in the employ of the SSD.
 - f. Kurt Abicht, in charge of manufacturing (Fertigungsleiter). Abicht's permanent home is in Jena.
2. According to the 1954 production plan, the following were to have been produced: 3,000 moving picture apparatuses (Kino-Geraete), 300,000 electric bells, and 300,000 exposure meters. In addition, there was an order for the USSR for more than one million DME worth of telephone meters (Telefonuhren), ship's clocks, and special clocks. Only 40 percent of this order was filled in 1954. The production quota for 1955, not including the State subsidy, amounts to 12,500,000 DME.
3. The plant is hindered in its production by raw material shortages of polystyrene, brass alloys, and aluminum. The allocations amount to approximately 55 or 60 percent of the requirements.
4. All the machinery at the plant is old. For example, the lathes, drilling machines, and milling machines are inaccurate by as much as 0.2 mm. where tolerances of between 0.05 and 0.2 mm. are specified.
5. The rejection proportions in the various departments of the Weimar plant are as follows:

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